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Records of the White House Photograph Office Vice Presidential Photographs of the State Visit of South African President Nelson Mandela

Extent

43 contact sheets containing approximately 1,235 photographs

Access

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Provenance

Official records of the Albert Gore, Jr. vice presidency are in the custody of the Presidential Materials Division in Washington, DC and administered by the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) under the provisions of the Presidential Records Act (PRA).

Processed By

Staff Archivists, March 2015. Previously restricted materials are added as they are released.

Related Collections

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Scope and Content

In October 1994, shortly after being elected President of South Africa in the country's first fully representative democratic election, Nelson Mandela made his first official state visit to the United States at the request of President Bill Clinton. White House photographers Callie Shell and Phil Humnicky captured the official and ceremonial events that occurred during the October 4-6, 1994 trip. The photographs document the arrival ceremony, state dinner, breakfast at Blair House, White House luncheon, the Clinton-Mandela press conference held on the South Lawn, President Mandela's speech before a joint meeting of Congress, and the Bishop John T. Walker Memorial Dinner Gala hosted by Africare. Notable world leaders, celebrities and well-known individuals in these images include: President Bill Clinton; First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton; Vice President Al Gore; Tipper Gore; South African President Nelson Mandela; his daughter Zindiziswa Mandela-Hlongware; actress C.C.H. Pounder; anthropologist Boubacar Kone; civil rights activist Jesse Jackson; Jacqueline Lavinia Brown; poet Maya Angelou; singer Whitney Houston; saxophonist Kirk Whalum; singer Bobby Brown; singer Dionne Warwick; music producer Damon Elliott; actor Blair Underwood; actress Desiree DaCosta; civil rights activist Harry Belafonte; dancer Julie Robinson; Congressman John Lewis; Lillian Miles Lewis; politician Andrew Young, Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton, Congressman Charles Rangel, White House photographer Sharon Farmer; Speaker of the House Tom Foley; Congressman Bobby Rush; President Nicéphore Soglo of Benin; First Lady Rosine Vieyra Soglo; heavyweight boxing champion Muhammad Ali; civil rights activist Coretta Scott King; former Secretary of State Colin Powell, and Alma Powell.

System of Arrangement

These records are part of the Vice Presidential records collection of the White House Photograph Office.

The White House Photograph Office assigned each roll of 35 mm film a unique roll number. The roll numbers for the Vice Presidential photographs begin with "V" in order to distinguish them from the Presidential photographs taken by White House photographers during the administration. The office created a contact sheet for each roll of film and organized them in binders by film type (color or black and white) and roll number. The contact sheets are arranged by binder book number, and thereunder, by roll number. The Photograph Office left gaps in the roll numbers for unexplained reasons.

Archival processing is done at the contact sheet level.

The following is a list of photograph contact sheets processed:

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